

RADIO STAMPS
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Hello and welcome to the March edition of **Radio Stamps**. This is program 21, and its time today to announce the winner of the special **Radio Stamps** draw for the 60th anniversary of HCJB in 1991.

You're tuned today to the monthly program that's all about the fun of collecting postage stamps, meter stamps, postal cancellations, and other philatelic items on the topic of radio. This program combines the fun of listening to international radio and collecting stamps, from around the world, all about radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, from amateur radio to radio stations.

Collecting radio stamps is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby. You can collect by trading with friends and correspondents around the world. You can browse through the stock of stamp dealers with your checklist, or you can buy from dealers through the mail. You can also win stamps for your collection right here on the **Radio Stamps** program.

Since the program started in 1990, there have been 17 contest winners from 8 different countries: Australia, Canada, England, Germany, New Zealand, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, and the United States. The prizes I've given away include first day covers, stamp collections and T-shirts.

The best way to get details for any of the contests on the **Radio Stamps** program is to be a regular listener, here on HCJB, on the first Saturday of the month. Each and every listener is eligible to enter the contests.

I also have a special draw, once a year, for **Radio Stamp** reporters. The names of all contributors to the program are entered in an annual draw to win radio stamps. Each time you contribute as a **Radio Stamps** reporter, with news, or an example of a new issue or find, your name is entered for the next draw. Only **Radio Stamps** reporters are eligible for this special draw. I'll give you my mailing address at the end of this feature.

And now its time to announce the winner of the special **Radio Stamp** draw for the 60th anniversary of HCJB in 1991, just a few

months ago. Listeners to the December program were invited to enter this anniversary draw by sending me a picture postcard from their part of the world. The prize today for this international draw is the world's very first radio station stamp. I'm giving away the 1919 Guatemalan stamp, in mint condition, that features the twin towers and antenna system of the historical radio station at Imalambrico. This stamp was issued on May 3, 1919. The Scott catalogue number is 162. This was the very first postage stamp in the world to feature a radio station in its design. Its a hard-to-find stamp, and it would certainly be an important addition to any radio stamp collection.

Congratulations today to winner Jane Fanshawe of Gronant in County Clwyd, in Wales, Great Britain. Your prize is on its way to you Jane by airmail. Thank you to all the listeners that entered the draw. Your support for the **Radio Stamps** program is appreciated very much.

As I mentioned the last time, the **Radio Stamps** program is sponsored this year by the North American Shortwave Association. The club is underwriting the production and mailing costs of this volunteer program on HCJB. The North American Shortwave Association has membership across Canada and the United States, and around the world. The club produces the monthly Journal, and a sample copy is available for only \$2. If you'd like to write to the club, here's the address: North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, spelled L-e-v-i-t-t-o-w-n, in Pennsylvania, or PA for short. The zip code in the United States is 19507. The address again is the North American Shortwave Association, 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, PA, 19507, U.S.A.

I'm pleased as well that **Radio Stamps** is a quarterly feature this year in the Association's Journal. The first column was in the February issue, just last month. 1991 was a good year for collecting radio stamps. My February column, with illustrations and collecting tips, looks at some 1991 postage stamps, a meter stamp, a hand stamp and a unique postal cancellation that you can add to your collection.

That's all for today. As promised, here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is KOA 1A0. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, KOA 1A0, Canada.

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.